

REMARKS

The Examiner's attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Falk (DE-A-100 18 868). In so rejecting Applicant's claims, the Examiner specifically pointed to Figs. 3 and 6 and elements 23 and 19 thereof. This rejection is traversed.

Falk relates to German Gebrauchsmuster DE-U-200 06 968 which has been discussed in Applicant's specification. Falk, like the latter, show an outlet slot that provides a curtain of air that is directed approximately tangentially along the circumference of the door. Applicant's independent claim 1 and dependent claim 2 are both directed to a revolving door having an air outflow unit with an outlet slot directed substantially radially towards an interior of the revolving door. Applicant's invention is distinguishable from Falk. Again, specifically, elements 23 and 19 of Figs. 3 and 6 of Falk do not show an air outflow unit having an outlet slot directed substantially radially towards an interior of a revolving door, but rather show a plurality of air outflow units having outlet slots directed substantially tangential to an outer circumference of the revolving door. As such, Falk fails to anticipate every element of Applicant's claims as required for a § 102 rejection. Because Applicant's air outflow unit has an outlet directed substantially radially towards an interior of a revolving door, an increase in air pressure between the leaves of the door is created which is believed to lead to the novel benefits produced by Applicant's invention.

Therefore, claims 1 and 2 are believed to be patentable.

The Examiner rejected Applicant's claim 3 based on 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Falk in view of Hopkins U.S. Patent No. 5,042,367). The rejection is traversed. As previously stated, Falk fails to teach a revolving door having an air outflow unit with an outlet slot directed substantially radially towards an interior of the revolving door as required by Applicant's independent claim 1. Because claim 3 depends upon claim 1, claim 3 also thus includes an air outflow unit having an outlet slot directed substantially radially towards an interior of the revolving door. Therefore, a combination of Falk and


Hopkins will never result in an air outflow unit having a slot directed substantially radially towards an interior of the revolving door. The air outflow slot of Falk is directed substantially tangential with an outside circumference of the door. The air outflow portion of Robertson (exhaust 92) is directed up and away from the door, (See element 92 of Fig. 1 and Col. 6, lines 29-37, of that Hopkins). As such, the references teach away from the present invention. A combination of Falk with Hopkins does not render Applicant's invention obvious, and therefore claim 3 is deemed patentable.

Should the Examiner not be persuaded by the above argument and a § 103 be maintained, Applicant requests that a translation of Falk be provided. Any rejection that relies on Falk should include an English translation of Falk such that it can be determined if the text of that application specifically teaches away from Applicant's invention, (see MPEP § 706.02 II entitled "RELIANCE UPON ABSTRACTS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF A REJECTION").

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection have been traversed. It is believed that the case is in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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